

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that acknowledgment of the receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on August 11, 2006 (received by the PTO on August 14, 2006) has not been received. As an indication of consideration of the references cited in this IDS, Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 23, 32-41, 57, 59-61, 63, and 65-69 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,493,050 to Lien et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed features of the present invention, as defined in amended independent Claims 1 and 8. More specifically, the Lien et al. reference fails to disclose or suggest a liquid crystal display device (Claim 1) and a color filter substrate (Claim 8) in which, *inter alia*, "color filter materials of said color filters are formed of a substantially uniform thickness in an area where said cell gap adjusting spacers cover said directly adjacent terminal edges of said color filters."

One example of an embodiment of the invention defined in Claims 1 and 8 is shown in Applicants' Figure 5, which includes color filter materials (G, B) of color filters that

are formed of a substantially uniform thickness in an area where the cell gap adjusting spacers (such as 25A) cover the directly adjacent terminal edges of the color filters.

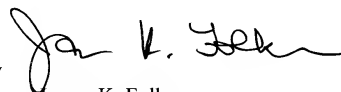
In contrast, as can be seen in Figures 16 and 17 of the Lien et al. reference, the color filter material below the spacers is not of a substantially uniform thickness in an area where a cell gap adjusting spacers cover the directly adjacent terminal edges of the color filters. More specifically, as can be seen in Figure 16 of Lien et al., the material of color filter 510 is about twice as thick as the material of color filter 504, in the area that is covered by spacer 108. Similarly, in Figure 17(right) of Lien et al., the material of the color filter layer 600 extending to the left of spacer 604 is about twice as thick as the material of the color filter layer 600 that extends to the right of spacer 604, in the area that is covered by spacer 604. Accordingly, as all of the features of independent Claims 1 and 8 are not disclosed or suggested in the Lien et al. reference, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this §103 rejection of Claims 1 and 8.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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